



ANIMAL RIDES PETTING ZOOS CARNIVAL RIDES

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To All Members of the Environment Committee

Subject Environment Committee Testimony for HB-05293

We write to you today in regards to bill HB-5293. We ask that this bill be dismissed. R.W. Commerford and Sons have been in the animal industry exotic and domesticated for well over 60 years here in CT. We take great pride in exhibiting our animals for all types of venues. Some venues include agricultural fairs in CT. We also do many religious programs at churches around the Christmas holidays as well as educational programs for children and adults for civil organizations. This bill will be detrimental to the family farm here in Goshen CT. Without the ability to go to certain venues where these animals can be exhibited you would be depriving children and adults who can not afford to travel to city zoos and aquariums. The education of seeing these magnificent animals would be lost because the best way to raise awareness is to physically see, touch, and interact with them. We feel targeted personally as there are only a small number of organizations that do what we do here in the state of CT.

Sincerely

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